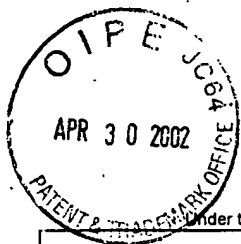


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(37 CFR 1.9(f) & 1.27(c)) -- SMALL BUSINESS CONCERN**

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Title: ~~IMPROVED~~ SINGLE-ENDED PLANAR-MAGNETIC SPEAKER

I hereby state that I am

- ☐ the owner of the small business concern identified below:
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- ☒ the application identified above.
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Each person, concern, or organization having any rights in the invention is listed below:

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PATENT APPLICATION
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DECLARATION AND PETITION

As below named inventor, I hereby declare: that my residence, post office address, and citizenship are as stated below next to my name; that I verily believe I am the original, first and joint inventor of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled ~~IMPROVED~~ SINGLE-ENDED PLANAR-MAGNETIC SPEAKER, the specification of which ^{was filed 1-22-02} ~~is attached hereto~~, that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment specifically referred to above; and that I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to patentability as defined in § 1.56(a) of Title 37 of the Code of Federal Regulations.

I hereby claim the benefit under Section 120 of Title 35 of the United States Code of the earlier filed patent application filed in the US as Provisional Application No. 60/263,480 filed on January 22, 2001; and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of these applications is not disclosed in the earlier filed pending applications in the manner provided by the first paragraph of Section 112 of Title 35 of the United States code, I acknowledge the duty to disclose material information, as defined in Section 1.56(a) of Title 37 of the Code of Federal Regulations, which occurred between the filing date of the earlier filed applications and the filing date of this application.

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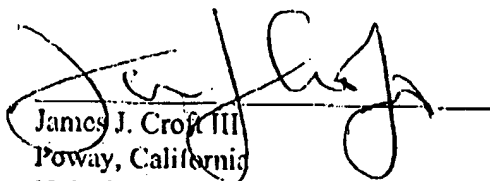
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Wherefore, I pray that Letters Patent be granted to me for the invention or discovery described and claimed in the foregoing specification and claims, declaration, and this petition.

Signed at San Diego, CA, this 22nd day of January, 2002.


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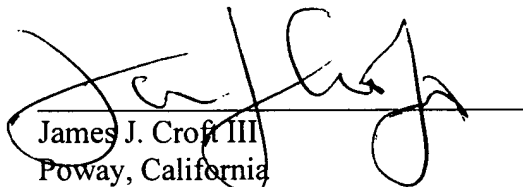

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